

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on January 2, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Fisher was absent, but votes were left with the Commission Secretary

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(1) In the matter of RONAN TELEPHONE CO. - DOCKET NO. N95.11.188; On November 22, 1995, Ronan Telephone Company filed to introduce a separate directory assistance rate. The rate would be \$.25 per call with three free calls per line per month. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the new rate. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

(2) In the matter of CENTRAL MONTANA COMM. - DOCKET NO. N95.12.180; On December 5, 1995, Central Montana Communications, Inc. filed tariff revisions which (1) introduce foreign directory listings; (2) change the requirements for placing buried cable; and (3) remove an existing time restriction on holding a reserved number. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

(3) In the matter of PACIFICORP - DOCKET NO. D95.12.182; On December 7, 1995, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell not more than 5,000,000 shares of its Common Stock not later than December 31, 1997. A Default Order has been drafted. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant Default Order No. 5887. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang  
Transportation Division

(4) In the matter of TN1765 - Valtrans Ltd. Inc., Kalispell Montana requests cancellation of PSC No. 4327.

Class B - Property between Kalispell and Polson, Montana, via East Shore of Flathead Lake; between Elmo and Hot Springs, and irregular service in Kalispell and points within 50 miles thereof; irregular truck service between Missoula, Montana, and points within 50 highway miles thereof. Limitations; Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Class B - Property within the City of Missoula, Montana and to or from points tributary thereto, but

within a distance not exceeding 100 miles in any direction from said city.  
Limitations: Transportation of  
ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC No. 4327. Commissioner Anderson  
seconded the motion,  
which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

(5) In the matter of TN1766 - Billie G. Williams dba Arrowhead  
Transportation, Billings, Montana  
requests cancellation of PSC No. 9160.

Class C - Property, within the city of Miles City, Montana, and a radius of  
one hundred fifty (150) miles  
thereof. Limitations: Transportation of property on or between points on  
routes now served by Class  
AA@ carriers is prohibited; pick-up and delivery service within those points  
and a radius of one (1) mile  
thereof as served by Class AA@ motor carriers and routes served by existing  
rail carriers is prohibited.

Commissioner Oberg moved to cancel PSC No. 9160. Commissioner Rowe seconded  
the motion, which  
passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

(6) In the matter of TN1763 - Silver Eagle Shuttle, Inc., Billings, Montana,  
PSC No. 9352, has  
requested a rate decrease in the Waiting/Down Time rates in Passenger Tariff  
No. 1. The current rates  
are one-half of the hourly charter rates which range from \$45.00 to \$75.00 per  
hour. The reduced  
Waiting/Down Time rates will be \$17.50 per hour. The rates will become  
effective upon approval.  
Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the rate decrease. Commissioner Rowe  
seconded the motion, which  
passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was  
adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, January 3, 1996 the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair  
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Will Rosquist

(7) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of TECOM - Docket No. 94.7.25; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny AT&T's request for reconsideration. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(8) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Co. - Docket No. N95.8.119 - Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the motion of Ronan Telephone Company for reconsideration of its previous order and affirm said service must be provided on a fully tariffed level. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners Rowe, Anderson and McCaffree voted aye. Commissioners Oberg and Fisher dissented.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Mike Sheard

(9) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Extended Area Service - Docket Nos. 94.2.5, 95.6.31, D95.10.146 and D95.10.147; Commissioner Rowe moved to close Docket No. 94.2.5. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe moved to reconsider and issue separate protective orders in each docket. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fisher moved to issue notice for 5 EAS regions and Great Falls EAS separate. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the notice for West Glacier EAS. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a notice that Glacier County did not meet minimum call standards but for North Cut Bank to Cut Bank. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(10) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Dakota Utilities and its general rate case - Docket No. D95.7.90; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the motion of MDU to not require the attendance of certain witnesses at the general rate hearing beginning on January 9, 1996.

Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(11) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company D95.12.166 Gas Tracker; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the motion of Ferdig Oil for reconsideration of its protective order. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(12) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's revision of its line extension policy and a stipulation between MPC and Montana Consumer Counsel; Commissioner Rowe moved to freeze the current procedural schedule and notice the MPC-MCC Stipulation and schedule a presentation. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Bonnie Lorang

(13) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. T-95.38.DR / City of Helena\PSC Declaratory Ruling - Helena Transfer Station; Commissioner Anderson moved to defend the commission decision in the district court litigation over the City of Helena request for a declaratory ruling on regulatory status of Helena Transfer Station. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, January 8, 1996 the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair

Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

## APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott  
Utility Division

(14) In the matter of PTI - DOCKET N95.12.192, On December 18, 1995, PTI filed for authority to offer Digital Switched Service. This service provides digital local exchange service as an alternative to analog PBX trunks. By means of multiplexing, the digital facility between the customer's premise and the central office provides up to 24 voice grade channels. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Digital Switched Service Offer. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(15) In the matter of PACIFIC TELECOM, INC. - DOCKET N95.12.189, On December 14, 1995, PTI filed for authority to introduce a new custom calling service called Teen Service. With Teen Service, an additional telephone number is assigned to an access line. Incoming calls to that number will have a distinctive ring. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Teen Service. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(16) In the matter of AMERICAN SHARECOM, INC. - DOCKET N95.12.190, On December 15, 1995, American Sharecom filed revised tariff pages to reflect its name change to Frontier Communications-North Central Region, Inc. In addition, the company is introducing two new switched access services called Easy Eclipse and Optimum. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the filed revised tariff pages and name change. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang  
Transportation Division

(17) In the matter of Docket T-95.75.ST - Frank J. Smith dba Just Limos, Poplar, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 9347 to Just Limos, Inc., Poplar, Montana.

Class B - Passengers in limousine service 1) between all points and places in the following counties: Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Valley, and Wibaux; 2) to or from all points and places in the State of Montana, limited to transportation which originates or terminates in the counties listed above. Limitations: Transportation of Burlington Northern crews is prohibited.

No protests have been received. Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the transfer of PSC No. 9347. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(18) In the matter of Docket T-95.79.ST-Advantage Moving and Storage, Inc.,

Missoula, Montana  
filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity,  
PSC No. 497 (portion only) to Rocky Mountain Moving & Storage, Inc.,  
Missoula, Montana.

Class C - Property in the City of Missoula, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto,  
but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Limitation:  
Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

No protests have been received. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the transfer of a portion of PSC No.  
497. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(19) In the matter of TN1767 - Vern Reum and Shane Reum dba Tires-R-Us,  
Polson, Montana  
request permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9360 to Vern Reum dba Tire Depot, Polson, Montana  
for a twelve month period, Commissioner Rowe move to approve the lease from December 21, 1995 to  
December 21, 1996.

Class D - used tires and wheels between all points and places in Flathead, Lake, and Missoula Counties,  
Montana, to points in Lake County, Montana.

Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(20) In the matter of TN1768 - Marc W. Johnson, Ronan, Montana requests  
permission to lease PSC  
No. 1448 to Flathead Disposal, Inc., Ronan, Montana for a twelve month period,  
Commissioner Rowe  
moved to approve the lease from January 12, 1996 to January 12, 1997.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, organic and inorganic matter within the town of  
Ronan, Montana, and between all points and places within a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. Limitations:  
Transportation is prohibited within a three and one half mile (3.5 mile) radius of the junction of U.S.  
Highway 90 and U.S. Highway 93 (approximately 3.5 miles south of Evaro hill), with the EXCEPTION of  
movements which originate in that area and terminate in Ronan, Montana, or originate in Ronan and  
terminate in the 3.5 mile radius area.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(21) In the matter of TN1769 - Marc W. Johnson, Ronan, Montana requests  
permission to lease PSC  
No. 2870 to Dan Tromp, Marc Johnson, Stuart Rubel & Robert McCrea, a  
partnership dba Mission Valley  
Disposal, Ronan, Montana for a one year period, Commissioner Rowe moved to  
approve the lease from  
January 17, 1996 to January 17, 1997.

Class D - Garbage and refuse, authorized to serve an area whose eastern, western and southern boundaries  
are defined as the arc on the circumference of a 35 mile radius circle whose center originates at Polson,  
Montana and whose northern boundary is defined as a cord of the 35 mile radius circle running tangent to  
a 10 mile radius circle whose center originates at Ronan, Montana. Carrier is  
allowed to transport

authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin

Centralized Services

(22) In the matter of February 1996 Calendar, Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the February Calendar and Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(23) In the matter of July, Aug., Sept., Oct., 1995 Minutes, Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the July 5, 10, 17, 31, 1995; August 7, 14, 21, 28, 1995; September 5, 11, 18, 25, 1995; October 5, 10, 16, 19, 23, 30, 1995, minutes. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell

Acting Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday January 8, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair

Dave Fisher, Vice Chair

Bob Anderson, Commissioner

Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang, Martin Jacobson

(24) In the matter of Docket No. T-95.80.COM - Flathead Area Custom

Transportation Inc. And customer complaints. Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a notice of proposed Commission action closing the docket containing direction on training. Commissioner Rowe and Anderson vote aye and Commissioner Fisher Oberg and McCaffree dissented motion fails. Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a notice of commission action dismissing the docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Anderson, Oberg, Fisher and McCaffree vote aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

## APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Karen Hammel

(25) In the matter of Docket No. 95.4.18 - 1+ IntraLata Equal Access.

Commissioner Oberg moved to reopen the issue for further discussion and continue further discussion to 1-9-96 at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Laura Calkin, Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh

(26) In the matter for authorization for out of state travel. Commissioner

Rowe move to approve out of state for Kathleen Androlewicz to attend a computer training class on Paradox software in Houston Texas. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell

Acting Commission Secretary

(SEAL)At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the

Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 16, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair

Dave Fisher, Vice Chair

Bob Anderson, Commissioner

Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Bob Rowe Commissioner

## APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(27) In the matter of SOUTHERN MONTANA TELE. CO. - DOCKET NO. N95.12.196; On

December 21, 1995, SMTC filed for authority to offer Internet access. The tariff includes nonrecurring and recurring prices. SMTC will waive the service charge for initial service and then charge \$15.00 for each subsequent customer-requested change in service.

The recurring charges vary depending on the customer type (personal or business) and the quality and quantity of service taken. Business rates exceed personal rates for the same quantity of service. SMTC offers two levels (Basic and Net Plus) based on the quantity of service taken. E-mail accounts cost a flat \$10.00 per month.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(28) In the matter of CENTRAL MONTANA COMM. - DOCKET NO. N95.12.197; On December 20, 1995, Central Montana Communications filed for authority to introduce a separate Directory Assistance rate. Central is proposing to charge \$.40 per call for customer direct dials, and \$.25 per call from pay phones. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant authority for the separate rate. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang

Transportation Division

(29) In the matter of Docket T-95.50.PCN; David Ray Wheeler dba Classy Cabs, Columbia Falls, Montana applied for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Parties have stipulated to the following grant of authority:

Class B - Passengers within the city of Columbia Falls, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof.  
Limitations: 1. Transportation must originate or terminate within Columbia Falls, Montana and a five (5) mile radius thereof. 2. Transportation from Glacier International Airport must terminate at Meadow Lake Resort. 3. Transportation by limousine service is prohibited. 4. Transportation originating or terminating in Lake County is prohibited. 5. Transportation originating in Kalispell, Bigfork or Whitefish is prohibited, except as part of a return trip, first originating in Columbia Falls or a five (5) mile radius thereof. 6) Transportation as a Medicaid provider is prohibited. 7) Transportation is limited to the use of seven passenger vehicles or less, with the exception of transportation of children and attendants to or from Big Mountain.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the amended application. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(30) In the matter of TN1770; Wiley Rentalls dba Helena North American, Helena, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 3368 for a final six month period, December 30, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

Class B - Household goods, (1) between points and places within a 25 mile radius of Helena, Montana (2) from points and places within a radius of 25 miles of Helena, Montana to all points and places within the State of Montana (3) from all points and places within the State of Montana to points and places within a 25 mile radius of Helena, Montana (4) between points in the State of Montana on return movements to Helena, Montana, but only when said points are located on the same route as was used in the original outbound movement. Limitations: All shipments must originate or terminate within a 25 mile radius of Helena, Montana, with the exception that movements may be made between points located along the same route used in an outbound movement from Helena, when such movements are made as a part of a return movement to Helena, e.g., a movement from White Sulphur Springs to Townsend, Montana, when returning to Helena from a movement to Billings, Montana.

Commissioner Anderson moved to suspend PSC No. 3368 for six months.  
Commissioner Rowe seconded  
the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, January 17, 1996, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Chair McCaffree was absent but left her proxy with Vice Chair Fisher for the following issues.

## APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Denise Peterson, Robin McHugh, Eric Eck

(31) In the matter of the Commissions' discussion of an information meeting for Montana Power Company; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to work with MPC and develop an agenda for an information meeting. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chair McCaffree voted aye via proxy to Vice Chair Fisher.

(32) In the matter of Docket No. D95.11.172 - Ferdig Oil Complaint; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to establish a procedural schedule for discovery and proper consideration of the complaint filed by Ferdig Oil v. MPC. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chair McCaffree voted aye via proxy to Vice Chair Fisher.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, January 22, 1996, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Acting Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Chair McCaffree was on vacation but left her proxy to Vice Chair Fisher.

## APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang  
Transportation Division

(33) In the matter of TN1771; The request by Intermountain Tariff Bureau, Inc., on behalf of Foosco,

Inc. dba City Cab, Billings, Montana for a rate reduction of between .6099% and .9562% in ITB  
Passenger Tariff No. 42. Currently the rates for the City of Red Lodge are \$1.50 per one-way mile from Billings, Montana. The new requested rates will be as follows:

When origination and destination are inside the "Red Lodge Zone", the fare is \$4.00. When origination or destination is outside "Red Lodge Zone" and both within Carbon County, the fare is \$4.00 minimum, plus a mileage charge of \$1.50 per mile or fraction thereof, or mileage charge as calculated from "Red Lodge Zone" to origination or destination, whichever is greater.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the tariff revision. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(34) As an additional item - In the matter of the litigation involving the federal preemption of intrastate regulation of motor carrier transportation, State of Oklahoma vs. U.S.A. (effective January 1, 1995); Commissioner Oberg moved to pursue the appeal of litigation on federal preemption of state regulation of motor carriers to the United States Supreme Court. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion which passed 4-0. Commissioner McCaffree was absent for the additional item, therefore no vote was recorded for her.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin  
Centralized Services

(35) In the matter of the approval of Oct. (partial), Nov., Dec., 1995 Minutes and the approval of October 30, 1995; November 6, 20, 27, 1995; December 4, 11, 18, 1995, minutes. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the listed minutes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(36) In the matter of the approval of January 2 and January 8, 1996 Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the January 2 and 8, 1996 minutes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 23, 1996, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Chair McCaffree was on vacation, but left her proxy to Vice Chair Fisher for the following issues.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh

(37) In the matter of The Commission's discussion of budget and travel;

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve out-of-state travel for Mike Sheard, Mike Lee and Karen Hammel to attend the NARUC Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C. the week of February 20, 1996. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye via proxy.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve out-of-state travel for 2 staff to attend NARUC Subcommittee on Accounts and 1 staff to the electric meetings in Portland, Oregon. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye via proxy.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Sheard

(38) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a possible inquiry into competition for local exchange; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft a Notice of Inquiry on Local Exchange Competition issues. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye via proxy.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Bonnie Lorang

(39) In the matter of Docket No. T95.36.PCN - Kaste and Ross / Prehearing Discovery; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct applicant to respond to discovery and provide a witness list not later than January 29, 1996. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye via proxy.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Robin McHugh

(40) In the matter of NOI Electric Industry Restructuring - D95.7.96 - the Commission's review of the draft agenda and other administrative matters; Commissioner Anderson moved to authorize staff to hire someone to record the NOI Electric Industry Restructuring Roundtable. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE  
Denise Peterson

(41) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of an objection by Montana Power Company to intervention with West Coast and certain use of proprietary information - Docket No. D95.9.128; Commissioner Rowe moved to accept a stipulation between West Coast and MPC and issue an order consistent. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, January 29, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair  
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE  
Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(42) In the matter of BHP&L - DOCKET NO. D96.1.5; On January 16, 1996, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on January 18, 1996. Requests for hearing were due by January 29, 1996. No requests have been received. This application will increase rates by \$29,538 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. Commissioner Oberg moved to grant Default Order No. 5892. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(43) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY - DOCKET NO. 95.7.97; On July 24, 1995, Montana Power Company filed for approval of initial rates for propane vapor service to customers in Townsend. An initial interim order was issued on October 5, 1995 and a public hearing was held on January 17, 1995. A second interim order has been drafted and is ready for action. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the Second Interim Order #5867c. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 30, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair  
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE  
Mike Sheard, Martin Jacobson

(44) In the matter of Project Telecommunications tariff filings - N95.11.174 and N95.11.175; Commissioner Fisher moved to grant final approval to both dockets in accordance with staff recommendation. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (see attached memorandum).

(45) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of EAS -D95.10.147 (need for internal policy on handling protected information; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve staff recommendation of policy for management of confidential information. Said policy will be included in the agency's "Blue Book" policy section. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang, Martin Jacobson

(46) In the matter of the Commission's discussion and action of Transportation rules; Commissioner Fisher moved to approve repeal of certain transportation rules as recommended by staff. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang, Denise Peterson

(47) In the matter of T-95.36.PCN - Kaste and Boss; Commissioner Rowe moved to dismiss without prejudice. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(48) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon v GTE Petition for Certiorari to the U S Supreme Court; Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize staff to file a brief in support of the case with the U S Supreme Court. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....January 16, 1996      10:00 a.m.

Minutes.....January 2, 1996      1:30 p.m.

Minutes.....January 3, 1996      9:30 a.m.

Minutes.....January 8, 1996      10:00  
a.m.

Minutes.....January 17, 1996      9:30 a.m.

Minutes.....January 22, 1996      10:00 a.m.

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